

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Jan 9, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2 and 5-21, Renumbered as 1-19.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 1/7/05, 2/22/05
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 11/26/01
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment filed on Jan 9, 2006 has been entered.
Claims 3 and 4 are canceled.
Claims 1, 2, 5 - 21 are pending in the application and Renumbered as 1- 19.

Response to Arguments

2. As pointed out by the applicant's Remark, see page 26, lines 3 - 7, 12 - 14 with respect to claims 1-16 under 103(a) rejection has been withdrawn.

Drawings

3. Drawings filed on 11/26/01 have been approved by the Examiner.

Information Disclosure Statement

4. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 11/26/01, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Reason For Allowance

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1, 2, and 5 - 21 are allowed.

As pointed out by the applicant's Remark, see page 26, lines 3 - 7, 12 - 14 with respect to claims 1-16 have been fully considered and are persuasive and as a result amended claim 1, 6 and 10 is now indicated allowable and the rejection has been withdrawn and claims are now allowed. The prior art of record Toh et al. (US. 6,242,756 B1) discloses a system for determining a lead coplanarity, including a pickup head, such as a suction cup, for picking up an IC (integrated circuit) having leads, light sources

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reflectors, a lens and a video camera. Toh the video camera takes at once an image of the entire IC that includes all the four side portions from which the leads laterally extend. Toh fails to disclose "a background forming device which is provided on one of opposite sides of the electronic component that is opposite to the other side thereof on which the image taking device is provided, and which forms a background having an optical characteristic different from an optical characteristic of the leads", and "Toh also fails to disclose or suggest providing a rotating device that rotates pickup head ", as commonly included in each of the independent claims 1, 6 and 10 the prior art of record fails to teach either singularly or in combination, fails to anticipate or render the above limitations obvious.


6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted on later than the payment of the issue fee and to avoid processing delays should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled, comments on statement of reasons for allowance.

Contact Information

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sheela C Chawan whose telephone number is. 571-272-7446. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 7.30 - 6.00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jingge Wu reached on 571-272-7429. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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